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Navy Releases Record of Decision for NAS Key West Airfield Operations Final Environmental Impact Statement

The Department of the Navy, after carefully weighing public comments, as well as the strategic, operational, and environmental effects of the proposed action, has announced the signing of a Record of Decision (RoD) for the NAS Key West Airfield Operations Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The RoD announces that Alternative 2 – the Navy’s preferred alternative – will be implemented.

The implementation of this alternative will result in the gradual transition from legacy aircraft to next generation aircraft and minor alteration of existing facilities to meet requirements for next generation aircraft. In addition, Alternative 2 provides the Navy with the flexibility to accommodate carrier air wing detachment training events when primary carrier air wing training locations on the U.S. East Coast are unavailable. Additional carrier air wing Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) operations would vary annually based on availability of the primary training locations, but could total up to 4,500 additional annual operations. As there would be no increase in other flight operations, total annual airfield operations could equal up to approximately 52,000 operations.

The Record of Decision is available at www.keywesteis.com.

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